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1. The Kraftfahrzeug Kaserne in Rathenow (N 53/Z 15) was occupied by about 200 troops on 10 May 1950. Three hundred more soldiers, arriving by truck in groups of 20 to 30 men, moved into the barracks between 12 and 15 May 1950.

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The 300 soldiers belonged to rear details from troop quarters in Premnitz, near Rathenow, according to a German employed in the barracks.

2. The troops from the barracks held daily field exercises on a small scale at Semliner Heide north of Rathenow. Training with battery commander's field glasses, radio sets and telephones was observed there on 18 May 1950.

3. Employees at the barracks stated that the first troops to return from Altengrabow were expected to arrive on or after 30 May 1950. The troops staying in Rathenow at the time of observation were then to proceed to Altengrabow. *

4. The Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne were each occupied by 150 to 200 troops. *

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5. Documents bearing [redacted] were found at the Kraftfahrzeug Kaserne. They were fragments of envelopes addressed to soldiers. One was addressed to [redacted] o, postmarked 13 April 1950; another to [redacted] postmarked 17 January 1950, and examined by Censorship Office [redacted] and examined by Censorship Office [redacted] and the last to [redacted] postmarked 14 April 1950. Also found was a copy of the military

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newspaper Sovietski Artillerist of 1 May 1950, edited
by S. A. Durnikin. **

25X1A * ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The information again confirms the transfer
of the artillery units of the IV Arty Corps in Rathenow
to Altengrabow, for firing training. Elements of a RL Brig,
possibly the 25th, are believed to be stationed in Premnitz.
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identified artillery units, according to numerous documents
from Rathenow. The Sovietski Artillerist possibly is
published by the Rathenow Hq 6th Arty Div.

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